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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Ms. Edith Ardiente, Director of Environmental Affairs Navistar International Transportation Corporation 455 City Front Plaza Drive - 10th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. Ardiente:

RE: Inclusion and Submittal of U.S. EPA Site Assessment Report Concerning the Environmental Conditions Found at the Former International Harvester Facility Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Site I.D. No. YE: CERCLIS No. ILD005213285

In response to your request on Wednesday, February 23, 1994, regarding this Agency's Site Investigation/Site Assessment report for the property located at 1015 West 120th Street in Chicago, Illinois, that report is enclosed for your inspection and corporate review.

Please note that although the report indicates EPA's contractor Ecology and Environment, Inc. on the cover pages, this is EPA's official report of the conditions found within this site area. Note also that this report provides synopses of previous preliminary assessments, screening site inspections, focused site inspection prioritization, and expanded site inspection results conducted either by the State of Illinois or this Agency. In general, the focus of these inspections is to determine the existence of threats to public health, welfare and the environment. These assessments do not necessarily address the magnitude or extent of contamination within or throughout this site; however, it is important to note the types and concentrations of the contamination determined to exist within the environs of the referenced site and to begin to formulate a plan to address their removal.

I trust that this report is sufficiently comprehensive to assist Navistar in its future plans for satisfying environmental protection requisites at the abandoned IH Site in the southeast Chicago area. If you have further questions concerning this matter, please contact me at telephone number 312/353-7615.

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Also, you may wish to discuss some of these matters with the assistant regional counsel assigned to this facility, Mr. John Breslin, who may be contacted via telephone number 312/886-7165.

Very truly yours,

Paul R. Steadman

On-Scene Coordinator

Emergency and Enforcement Response Branch

Waste Management Division

Enclosure: October 7, 1993 EPA "Site Assessment Report For the

International Harvester Site"

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